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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The November 1, 2007 Final Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are amended, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

In the Office Action claims 63-68 are rejected under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In response, claims 63-68 are amended to change the term "makes" to "enables," as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the amendment of claims 63-68, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 63-68 under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 are respectfully requested.

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REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

In the Office Action claims 63-68 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. US00639726 (Eldridge et al.).

In response, claims 63-68 are amended to more clearly define the present claimed invention over the cited references.

The amendments to claims 63 and 66 are supported by the description at page 73, lines 8-17 and step S61 of Fig. 27 (reservation at portable terminal), the description at page 84, lines 16-20 and step S103 of Fig. 32 (reservation at printer), and the description at page 86, lines 13-17 and step S116 of Fig. 33 (print at printer), inter alia.

The amendments to claims 64 and 67 are supported by the description at page 75, lines 3-10 and step S75 of Fig. 28 (advertisement printing) and the description at page 86, lines 18-26 and step S118 of Fig. 33, inter alia.

The amendments to claims 65 and 68 are supported by the description at page 75, lines 3-10 and step S74 of Fig. 28 and the description at page 76, lines 19-24 and step S88 of Fig. 29, inter alia.

US 6,397,261 B1 (Eldridge et al.) teaches a system in which a document token for requesting a copy of a document is

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transmitted from a mobile computer of an issuer to a mobile computer of a holder. The token includes an issuer content, a signature from an issuer, and holder content, and a signature from a holder. When a document server receives the token and authenticates the received token, the document server issues a copy of the document (see the Abstract of Eldridge et al.).

According to the present claimed invention as defined by amended claims 63 and 66, the print reservation screen image is transmitted to the portable terminal and the user selects and reserves, by a portable terminal, a content to be printed from the plural contents and obtains a print of the contents from a printer for which a user ID is input by the user.

In contrast to the present claimed invention, Eldridge et al. teach that a document copy cannot be issued upon receiving the document token since the system enables the mobile computer of the holder to copy the document when the token is transmitted from the mobile computer of the issuer to the mobile computer of the holder.

That is, Eldridge et al. fail to disclose, teach or suggest that the user selects and reserves, by his or her portable terminal, a content to be printed from the plural contents and

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obtains a print of the content by a printer from which a user ID is input by the user.

Though Eldridge et al. teach a token, Eldridge et al. fail to disclose, teach or suggest that the print reservation screen image is transmitted to the portable terminal to enable the user to select and reserve content to be printed (see claim 63, lines 15-22 and claim 66, lines 16-22).

None of the other references of record close the gap between the present claimed invention as defined by claims 63 and 66 and Eldridge et al.

Therefore, claims 63 and 66 are patentable over Eldridge et al., when taken either alone under 35 USC 102, or in combination with any of the other references of record under 35 USC 103.

Claims 64, 65, 67 and 68 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claims 63 and 66, and are patentable over Eldridge et al. and off of the references of record in view of their dependence on either claim 63 or 66, and because neither Eldridge et al. nor any of the cited references of record disclose, teach or suggest each of the limitations set forth in claims 64, 65, 67 and 68. More specifically, the prior art references fail to teach the advertisement printing as recited in claims 64 and 67, and the continuous printing as recited in claims 65 and 68.

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In view of all the foregoing, claims 63-68 are in form for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

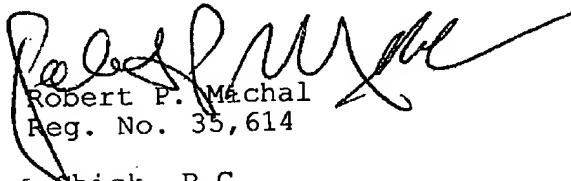
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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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